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See paragraph 2 below

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SHARP, Rodney Warwick

1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

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Basis of the opinion

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1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims 5-10,13,14,16,18-21,23-25,27,29-32,36-41	YES
	Claims 1-4,11,12,15,17,22,26,28,33-35	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	YES
	Claims 1-41	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims 1-41	YES
	Claims	NO

2. Citations and explanations:

NOVELTY and INVENTIVE STEP (IS)

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